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The Guinea configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission welcomes the agreement on the preparation and organization of the 2013 legislative elections, concluded on 3 July 2013 between the Government and the opposition, with a view to holding inclusive, free, transparent and peaceful legislative elections, in keeping with the rules and principles of the rule of law and the country's institutions.

The configuration salutes President Alpha Condé of Guinea for having initiated the inter-Guinean dialogue and for his commitment to maintain a climate of peace; it commends the Guinean political leaders for having chosen the path of dialogue and compromise in the interest of the country; and it expresses its appreciation to the national facilitators, Aboubacar Somparé and Salifou Sylla, and the international facilitator, Saïd Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa, for their efforts, as well as to the representatives of the international community in Conakry who supported the dialogue and witnessed the 3 July agreement.

The configuration calls upon all stakeholders to comply strictly with the new electoral schedule and the provisions of the signed agreement, including measures for providing support and restoring peace, to ensure that the elections are held under peaceful and secure conditions, in order to finalize the transition in Guinea; it also urges the Independent National Electoral Commission to keep to the schedule of electoral operations and follow the procedures for preparatory activities, in line with the 3 July agreement.

The configuration stands ready to continue backing international efforts to support the elections, under the leadership of the United Nations, and reaffirms its willingness to provide all the technical, political and financial support possible for the full implementation of the agreement; it stands ready to continue supporting the country beyond the elections as it marches towards peace consolidation, democracy and inclusive sustainable socioeconomic development.

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